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### Air Force Recognition

The Air Force gives preferential treatment to certain cadets who excel in the program. Cadets who earn the General Billy Mitchell Award in the Cadet Program are eligible to enlist in the Air Force, Air Force Reserve, or Air National Guard in an advanced pay grade. The Mitchell Award also entitles cadets to training credit when applying for entry into the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. Additionally, the Air Force may give Civil Air Patrol cadets who have earned the General Carl A. Spaatz Award preference when applying for Air Force commissioning or entry into the Air Force Academy.

### For Additional Information

In this short brochure it's impossible to tell you about all the exciting and challenging programs you can be a part of as a Civil Air Patrol cadet. Since this is a



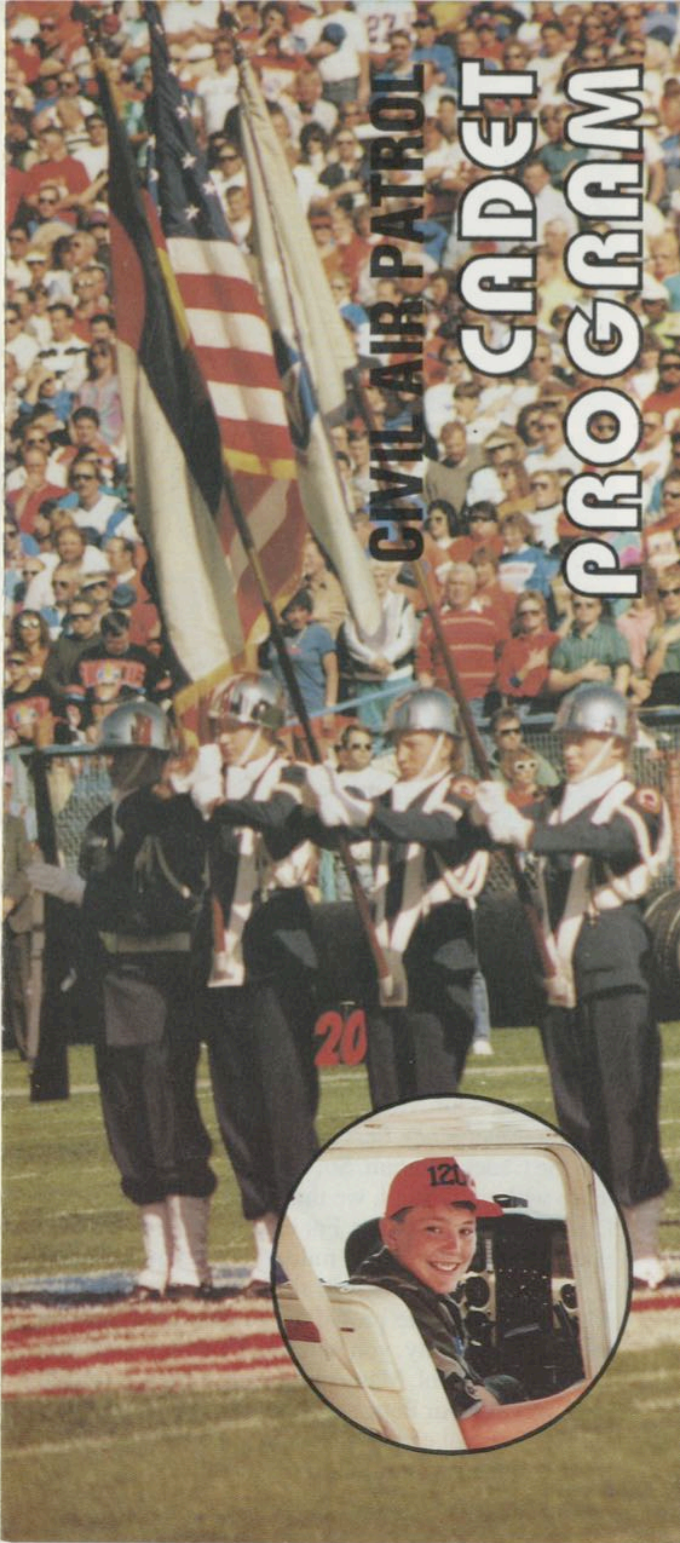
private organization conducted by volunteers, programs and activities will vary from unit to unit, depending on the interest and involvement of the citizens in your community. For more specific information about the program in your local area, you may use the point of contact provided on the reply card. If you don't have a local contact, you may request information on units in your area by contacting National Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol (MSP), at 105 South Hansell Street, Building 714, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama 36112-6332. There is no obligation to join.

Be a part of Civil Air Patrol, the proud auxiliary of the United States Air Force. Your fellow cadets look forward to having you on the team—learning, enjoying, helping those in need, and enhancing your future.

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CIVIL AIR PATROL  
CADET  
PROGRAM





## Dear Prospective Cadet

Thank you for the opportunity to tell you about Civil Air Patrol and our Cadet Program—a program especially designed for America's youth. Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit, aviation-oriented, volunteer civilian organization. Our volunteers have three main purposes—Emergency Services, Aerospace Education, and the Cadet Program. So, what does all of this have to do with you? Well, we think you'll find Civil Air Patrol has much to offer. For example, if you have an interest in aviation or the military, or if you just want to sharpen your leadership skills and associate with other young people providing humanitarian service to your community, you will find these opportunities in Civil Air Patrol. Many cadets make friends for life through Civil Air Patrol's numerous youth activities. Civil Air Patrol cadets also enjoy identification with the Air Force and are authorized to wear the Air Force

uniform with distinctive Civil Air Patrol insignia and devices. In some cases, free uniforms are provided (depending on availability), but in all cases cadets are authorized to purchase uniform items from the Army Air Force Exchange Service at the same prices as active duty military members. Read on for information about Civil Air Patrol's many exciting adventures and opportunities.

## Cadet Eligibility

Young men and women who are U.S. citizens or aliens "lawfully admitted for permanent residence" may become Civil Air Patrol cadets. Additionally, prospective cadets must be in school or, if graduated from high school, not be married or in the active military service. To join, a new cadet must have completed the sixth grade or be 13 years old. The maximum age for entering the Cadet Program is 18. Those who enter before age 18 may elect to remain a



cadet until age 21 or become a senior member at age 18. Becoming a Civil Air Patrol cadet does not obligate you to join any of the United States armed forces.

## Training

The Cadet Program helps develop thousands of young men and women to become leaders of the future. Training includes, but is not limited to flying, military drill and ceremonies, aerospace education, wilderness survival skills, rescue and first aid, radio communications, as well as the study of navigation, weather, and aviation. Hundreds of Civil Air Patrol cadets each year are given orientation flights in many different types of military aircraft. They also have the opportunity for orientation flights aboard Civil Air Patrol search aircraft and gliders. Also, cadets may compete for flying and academic scholarships as they advance in the program. Membership dues vary from state to state so check with your local Civil Air Patrol unit.

## Activities

In addition to the training program, Civil Air Patrol cadets are eligible to attend exciting local, national, and international activities each year. Some of these events include U.S. Air Force pilot and space program familiarization training; education at Air Force and other Department of Defense installations; summer encampments on military installations across the nation; pararescue orientation courses; flight training through solo with Civil Air Patrol instructors; competition for Civil Air Patrol scholarships; attendance at Cadet Officer School and Cadet Leadership School; participation in Civil Air Patrol's National Cadet Competition; assistance in community events and more. Increased rank, responsibility, and public recognition are also available based on advancement in the Cadet Program.

## World-Wide Travel

Each year approximately 100 Civil Air Patrol cadets along with senior member escorts are selected to travel to 14 foreign countries as part of the International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE). This program fosters understanding, good will, and friendship among the world's youth who have a mutual interest in aviation. Civil Air Patrol IACE participants visit nations around the globe, from Europe to the Orient. Also, Civil Air Patrol units across the nation host aviation-oriented cadets from participating foreign countries.

## Access to Supplies and Equipment

Civil Air Patrol operates a Supply Depot in Amarillo, Texas, and a Bookstore at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. The depot carries a large stock of all types of survival equipment, Aerospace Education materials, and aircraft parts and equipment at discount to Civil Air Patrol members. Communications equipment of all kinds is also available. The depot has a toll free number (1-800-858-4370) and accepts most credit cards. Civil Air Patrol's Bookstore features uniforms and accessories, regulations, and publications about Civil Air Patrol activities. It has a toll free